

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

FODOR ET AL

Serial No. 09/585,659

Filed: June 2, 2000

For: PRODUCTS FOR DETECTING  
NUCLEIC ACIDS

Group Art Unit: 1655

Examiner: Zitomer

September 25, 2001  
Via FacsimileSUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENTHon. Commissioner of  
Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Supplementing the applicants' amendment of September 17, 2001, please  
amend the above application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel claim 51 without prejudice.

Please enter the following amended claims:

26. (Twice Amended) A collection of beads comprising a plurality of beads  
which have binding polymers of different target specific sequence attached thereto;  
said beads being coded with an encoding system whereby the target specific  
sequence of the polymer attached to the beads can be identified.